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The Global Food Crisis and Food Insecurity: *A Governance Challenge*

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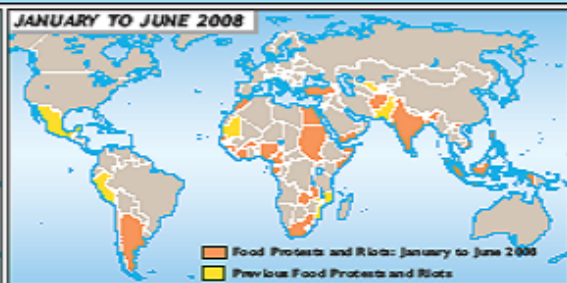
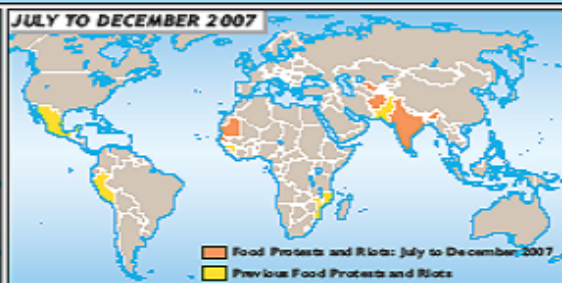
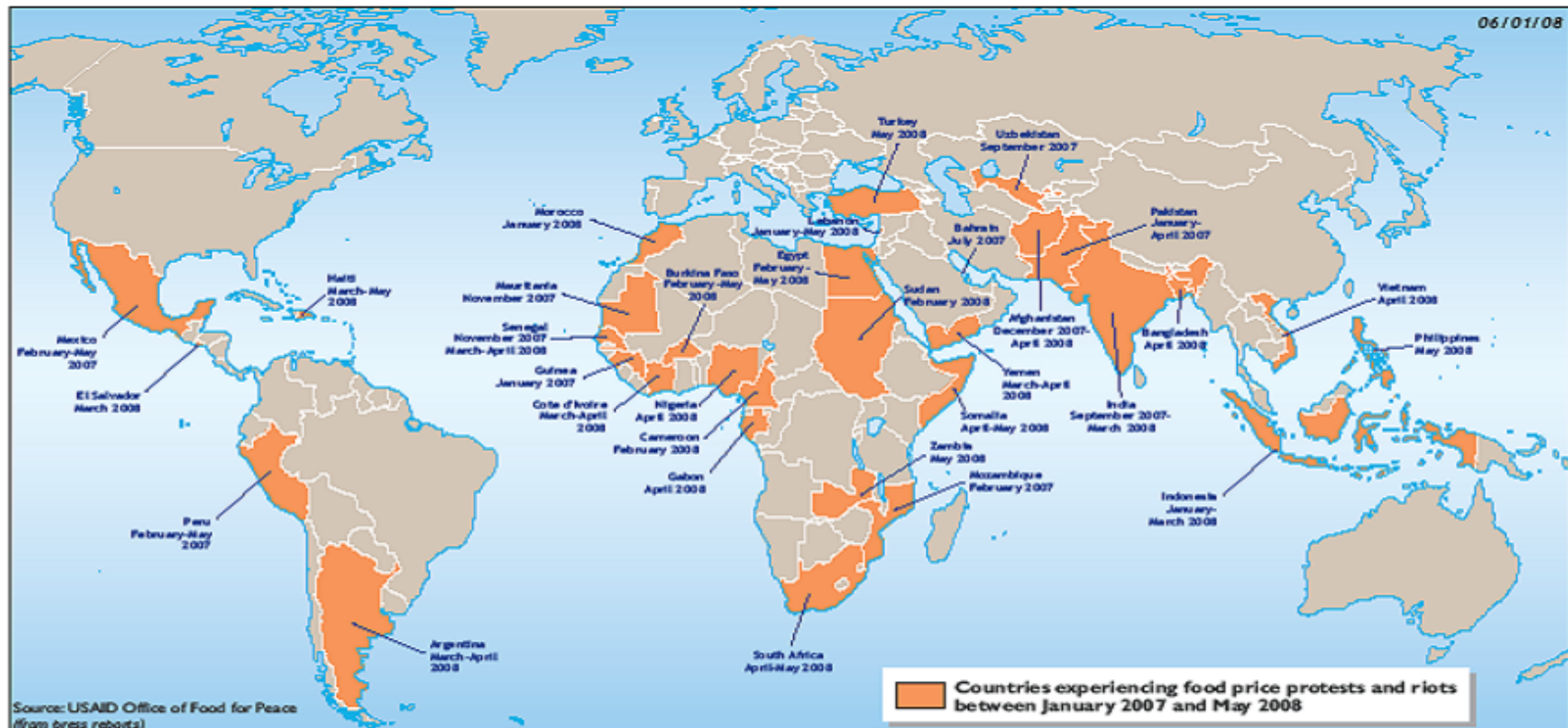


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GLOBAL FOOD PRICE PROTESTS AND RIOTS IN 2007 AND 2008



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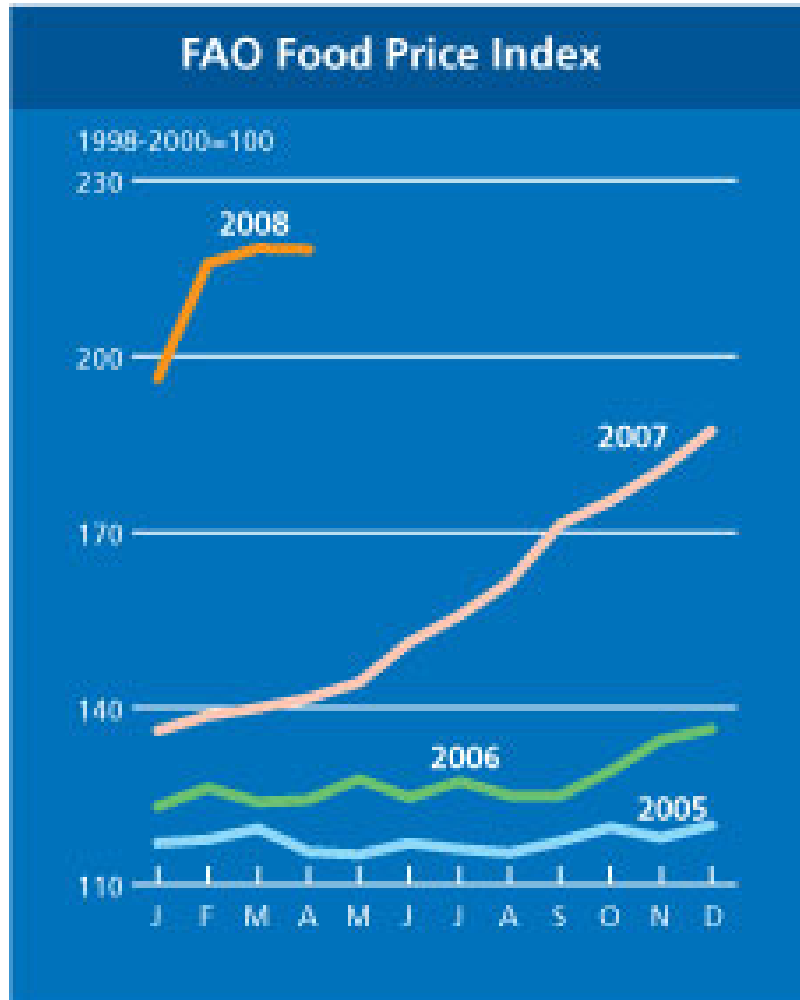
The Perfect Storm

- Low agricultural yields due to inclement weather (floods, droughts)
- High cost of energy
- Increasing demand for food
- Diverting food to biofuels

➤ ***RESULT: Escalating Prices***



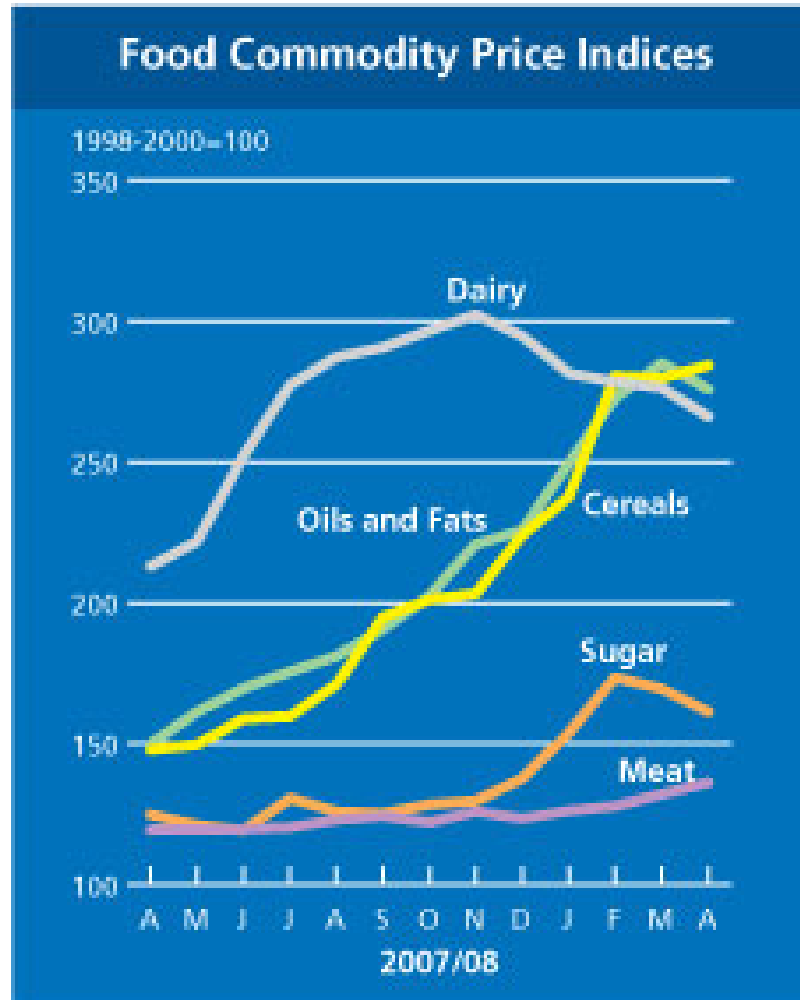
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FAO COUNTRIES IN CRISIS (37)

Africa (21 countries)

- Shortfall in production; refugees; drought and flood; civil strife

Asia (10 countries)

- Economic constraints; conflict; adverse weather

Latin America (5 countries)

- Floods

Europe (1 country)

- Adverse weather



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Key Questions

- Which social and economic groups are most affected by the current food crisis?
- What are the governance challenges that the food crisis presents for governments in affected countries?
- Will higher food prices cause social and political instability in the coming months or years?
- What is the role of good governance in achieving lasting food security?